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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kosciusko County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main & Indiana Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Warsaw

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Indiana

VICINITY OF

CODE
018

COUNTY

Kosciusko

CODE

085

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDEN
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Kosciusko County

STREET & NUMBER

Kosciusko County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Warsaw

VICINITY OF

STATE
Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

Kosciusko County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Warsaw

STATE
Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to its architect, George Garnsey, the Kosciusko County Jail was constructed in the Castellated Gothic style with the stone work in a style known as Rock Glace. The building's appearance is that of a small castle, with a turret in both of the front corners, fenestration with pointed arches, and crenelations across the front elevation parapet.

Constructed in 1870, the jail is a two story structure on an elevated basement with an imposing flight of steps leading to the center entrance. Two windows flank the stairs on the basement level; these and all other windows have double-hung sashes with one-over-one lights. The first story has three bays with a large door in the center bay. The second story has four windows. The sides of the main building have three bays on each level. The lower windows and entrance on the north side have been covered by a one story garage.

The garage wing which was added in 1937 and is the only major alteration of the exterior appearance. The wing has stonework which matches the original building, except that the stone is grayer in color. In 1964 the old garage was converted to office space.

After the turn of the century, modern plumbing, heating, and electricity were installed. The second story served as the sheriff's residence until 1974.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George Garnsey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kosciusko County Jail's significance lies in its architecture and role as a governmental structure.

The county's first jail was a two story log structure with 14 inch square logs. Entrance to the lower level was through a trap door in the second story floor. This first jail was erected in 1837 on the corner of the courthouse square. The second jail was a brick building which was also located on the courthouse square. By 1869 this second structure was literally falling apart.

The county commissioners hired George Garnsey, a Chicago architect, to design a new structure. A major reason for the selection of a "fancy" Chicago architect was that local pride had been hurt by frequent jailbreaks which resulted when prisoners just pushed out the bricks and walked away. Citizens were determined that the new jail would be a showplace inside and out and above all escape proof.

Garnsey's "Castellated Gothic" design represents what the late 1800's American thought a jail should look like. The large, rough stone blocks suggest a massive feeling of strength and permanence. Narrow windows and second story main entrance imply the restrictive function of the structure. The specifications called for large stone blocks laced with iron dowel rods so that the stones could never be pushed out in an escape attempt. The jail was completed in 1870 on a lot one block east of the courthouse square. The total cost was \$48,000, and the builder was Richard Epperson. The care in constructing an excellent building in 1870 was probably an effort to erase the memory of the previous jailhouse.

The large airy rooms for the second story sheriff's residence reflected that official's importance in the county government and the system of securing a live-in warden for the jail. Other than the sheriffs; the most notable residents of the structure were several Culver bank robbers who were defended in Warsaw by Clarence Darrow and later made an escape elsewhere with John Dillinger.

The Kosciusko County Jail has been a symbol of county government in Warsaw since 1870. It has been a point of interest for school tours, and an open house in 1970 drew over 2,000 county residents. The county commissioners have recently expressed interest in a new jail, and there is hope that the old building can be turned over to the County historical society for use as a headquarters.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Publishing Co., 1887:
Combination Atlas Map of Kosciusko County, Indiana. Chicago: Kingman Brothers, 1879.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Warsaw, Indiana

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Suzanne Ware - President

ORGANIZATION

Kosciusko County Historical Society

DATE

March 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 2, Box 678

TELEPHONE

(219) 269-2068

CITY OR TOWN

Warsaw

STATE

Indiana 46580

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Joseph Cloud 8/22-78

TITLE

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE